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AMEMBASSY BANGKOK: PASS AMCONSULATE SONGKHLA (TELEGRAPHICALLY)

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1. FOURTH OF JULY IN CHIANG MAI WAS QUIET WITH NO INCIDENTS REPORTED SUBSEQUENT TO THURSDAY NIGHT BOMB EXPLOSION IN FRONT OF CONSULATE. VIND'HONNEUR ATTRACTED SLIGHTLY LARGER CROWD OF THAIS THAN LAST YEAR. ONE REMARKED TO CONSUL ON ENTERING "THIS IS IMPORTANT TIME TO SHOW FRIENDSHIP FOR US." WHEN CONSUL CONGRATULATED SENIOR RTA GENERAL ON SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS AND NOTED THEY HAD BEEN CARRIED OUT DESPITE ABSENCE ABROAD OF PM, CONFIDENTIAL

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LATTER SMILED KNOWLINGLY AND REMARKD, "WE CAN ALWAYS

DO IT BETTER WHEN HE ISN'T AROUND."

- 2. OUTSIDE CHAING MAI CITY, ONLY INCIDENT REPORTED OCCURRED AT LAMPANG WHEN GROUP OF DOZEN YOUNG MOTOR-CYCLISTS PAUSED BRIEFLY AT MID-DAY JULY 4 IN FRONT OF KO KHA USAF AIR STATION, CHANTED OBSCENITIES, PLACE SIGN AGAINST FENCE, THEN DROVE OFF. LAMPANG POLICE, WHO WERE TRAILING GROUP, IMMEDIATELY REMOVED SIGN AND FOLLOWED CYCLISTS DOWN ROAD.
- 3. COMMENT: SECURITY FORCES HAVE BEEN OUT IN FORCE PAST TWO DAYS AND APPARENTLY INTEND TO MAINTAIN STRONG PRESENCE THROUGH WEEKEND. MINOR INACCURACIES IN BANGKOK POST JULY 5 VERSION OF CHIANG MAI EVENTS INCLUDE ASSERTION VIN D'HONNEUR HELD INSIDE COMPOUND FOR SECURITY REASONS (IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN HELD INSIDE) AND TIMING WAS SAME AS LAST YEAR. LIKE POST, WE HAVE ALSO RECEIVED UNCONFIRMED REPORT THAT CM TECHNICAL SCHOOL WILL DROP OUT OF NSCT. HARBIN UNQUOTE WHITEHOUSE

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